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SUBJECT: SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT TO MALTA

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1. ITALIAN AMBASSADOR BRIEFED US ON FOREIGN MINISTER
OREJA'S VISIT, BASED ON COMMENTS BY SPANISH AMBASSADOR
TO ROME AND REPORT FROM ITALIAN EMBASSY MADRID.

2. SUBSTANTIVE CONTENT OF VISIT WAS PRETTY MUCH REFLECTED
IN COMMUNIQUE (REFTEL). ATMOSPHERE WAS CORDIAL, WITH
MINTOFF DOING MOST OF TALKING. THE LATTER INCLUDED
EXPRESSION OF SOME UNDERSTANDING OF SPANISH INTEREST
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IN EC MEMBERSHIP, BUT MUCH STRONGER EMPHASIS ON IMPORTANCE
OF BILATERAL SPANISH/MALTESE CONTACTS BECAUSE OF WHAT
MINTOFF DESCRIBED AS HOPELESS INEFFICIENCY AND SLOWNESS
OF EC. MINTOFF MADE PITCH FOR SUPPORT FOR HIS
MEDITERRANEAN CONCEPT, SAYING THAT SPAIN WOULD BE
NATURAL PARTICIPANT IN GROUP INVOLVING ALGERIA, LIBYA,
FRANCE AND ITALY.

3. SPANISH TOOK SYMPATHETIC POSTURE IN RESPONSE BUT WERE CAREFUL TO AVOID ANY KIND OF COMMITMENTS. BECAUSE OF HISTORIC AND OTHER CONTACTS, THEY INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER OPENING EMBASSY HERE. AS FOR TANGIBLE ASSISTANCE, SPANISH REPORTEDLY AGREED TO CONSIDER STRENGTHENING THEIR PRESENT EXCHANGE IN PROGRAMS AND LIMITED ACTIVITY IN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND IN THAT CONTEXT PROMISED TO SEND A FOLLOW-UP MISSION TO MALTA TO EXAMINE POSSIBILITIES.

4. WE ARE TOLD THAT AS WAY OF HIGHLIGHTING HISTORICAL CONTACTS WITH MALTA, OREJA DELEGATION HERE INCLUDED DON NICOLAS COTONER, DESCENDANT OF ONE OF GRAND MASTERS OF KNIGHTS OF MALTA. LAINGEN

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